



Taking my pen in hand to write this, my final letter, I find it is being done with very mixed emotions. There have been many sad and unhappy experiences since I became Grand Duchess VIII in November, 1979 and Empress IX in June, 1980. To those who were involved at that time, I tried and AMEN!

To those who have seen me through this last fourteen months, my deepest and most heartfelt thanks. There have been many, too numerous to name, who supported me, each in their own way.

And always there are those who have given above and beyond the call that anyone could require.

To our Incomparable, Notorious, Brandi, you've been my inspiration, my sounding board, and my crying towel. But most of all, you've been my FRIEND. I thank you.

To Lorraine and Vanessa, we've laughed and cried, talked and not talked, but when the chips are down you're always there.

To Queen Mother Marian, what more can be said than that you're still my favorite "Bunkie" and I love you.

To my Emperor, Georgia, I must say it ain't always been easy, but we made it and I thank you for all the diligent hours you spent working on our Federal Papers.

In closing I must also mention the "Ladies" who said to me, "You're doing the job, run for the Title." So Marlena, Brandi, Jack-E, Darlene and Lisa, YOU'LL GET YOURS!

In Love and Gratitude,

Empress IX Sophie

President,

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Honored Friends;

This year has marked the beginning of a new path of growth for the Court. Many new projects have been implemented in order to meet the changing needs of our rapidly growing community. I am proud to say that we have received positive recognition from prominent leaders, organizations, and businesses within Sonoma County. The impact of this response is significant as it demonstrates that people from differing lifestyles can, and do, work together for the betterment of the community. From these efforts comes greater understanding and respect.

During my travels, I have met many kind and wonderful people. Thank you for your friendship, support, and willingness to share new ideas.

To the members of my Royal Household, thank you for giving so much of yourselves throughout the year. I am proud of you. Howard, Chuck, Marian, Brandi, Kaj, and Sophie you have my deepest appreciation for being there with heart and soul.

My reign has been a primary source of learning and personal growth for which I will always be grateful. I leave office with the satisfaction of knowing that I gave of myself in return. As others before me, I will continue to support our purpose and goals.

Respectfully,

Georgia)

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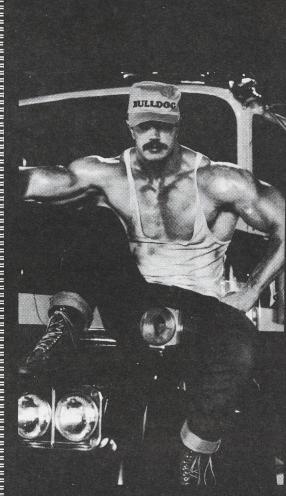
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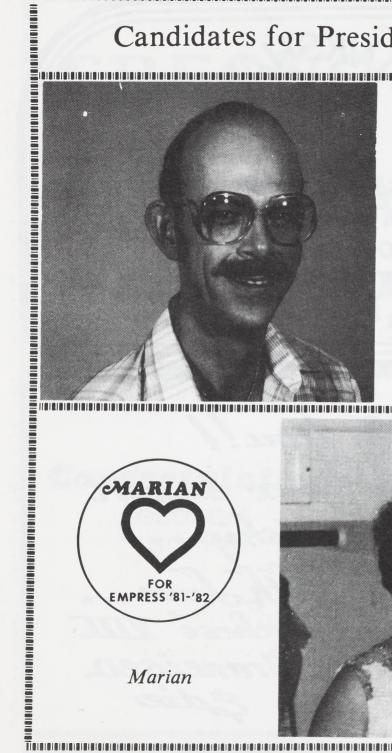
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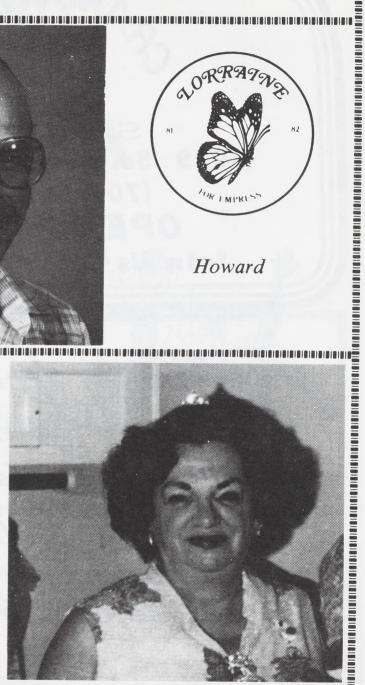


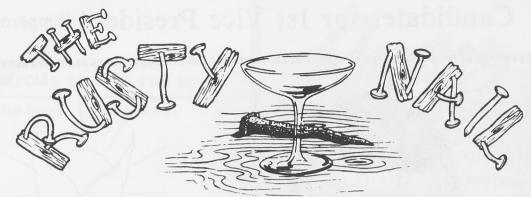


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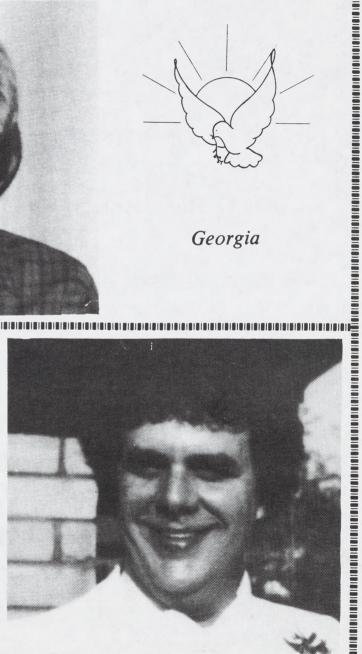




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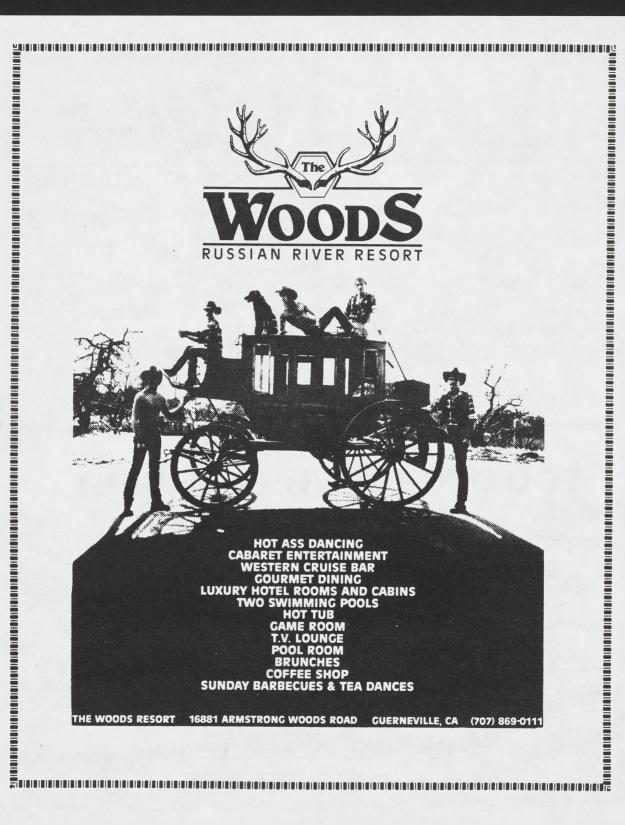
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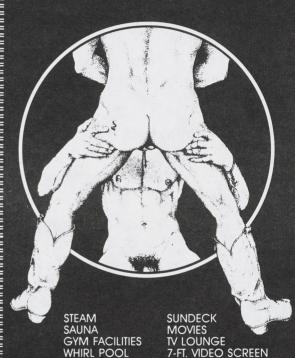
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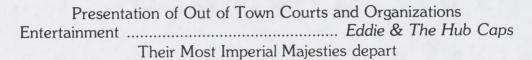
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Presentation of Candidates for President (Empress)

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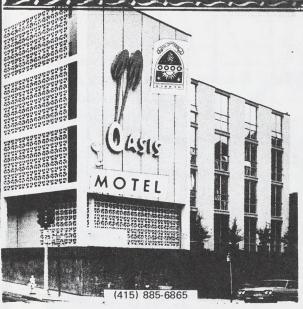
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